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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Technology Center 2600

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2002.

The three month shortened statutory time period to respond to this Office Action expired May 22, 2002, the time to reply with a three month extension expires August 22, 2002.

Accordingly, a petition and fee (\$920.00) for a three month extension have been enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

